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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL
ACTIVITIES

FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE AMBASSADOR

1. ON OCTOBER 18, 1974, PRESIDENT FORD PROCLAIMED
OCTOBER 20-26 AS NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION WEEK
AND REVIEWED UNITED STATES DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS WITH
AMBASSADOR SHELDON VANCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL,
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DR. ROBERT DUPONT, DIRECTOR OF THE SPECIAL ACTION

OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, AND MR. JOHN BARTELS,
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

2. PRESIDENT FORD STATED THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY SEEN
EXAMPLES OF THE HUMAN DEVASTATION CAUSED BY DRUG ABUSE
AND SAID HE WANTED EVERY APPROPRIATE STEP TO BE TAKEN
WHICH WOULD FURTHER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S
DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. THE
PRESIDENT SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED THAT ALL AMERICAN
CHIEFS OF MISSION BE MADE AWARE OF THE PRIME
IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO OUR EFFORTS ABROAD
TO REDUCE THE FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS TO THE UNITED

STATES. THE PRESIDENT FURTHER DIRECTED THAT EACH
AMBASSADOR REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS MISSION IN
SUPPORT OF THE DRUG PROGRAM AND REPORT THROUGH THE
SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE PROGRESS BEING MADE.

3. OUR EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THE KEY ROLE PLAYED
BY AMBASSADORS AND OTHER SENIOR MISSION OFFICERS IS IN
CONVINCING POLITICAL AND HIGH ADMINISTRATIVE LEVELS OF
OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT IT IS IN THEIR NATION'S INTEREST
TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO NARCOTICS CONTROL. WHERE
SUCCESSFUL, THIS HAS USUALLY MEANT MARSHALLING INFOR-
MATION AND ARGUMENTATION WHICH CONVINCES THEM THAT DRUG
ABUSE IS NOT, AS STILL TOO OFTEN BELIEVED, PRIMARILY
AN AMERICAN PROBLEM BUT ONE PRESENTLY OR POTENTIALLY
SERIOUSLY INFECTING EVERY NATION. IN THE PAST FEW
YEARS WE HAVE SEEN, AS THIS TRUTH IS RECOGNIZED,
BILATERAL COOPERATION PROGRESSIVELY GROW BETWEEN
AMERICAN DRUG ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND THOSE OF AN
INCREASING NUMBER OF OTHER NATIONS. THE BATTLE AGAINST
THE ILLICIT DRUG SMUGGLER IS NOW BEING MORE EFFECTIVELY
FOUGHT. WITH SOME GOVERNMENTS WE HAVE IN-DEPTH COOPERA-
TIVE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH, BUT A YEAR OR SO AGO, SEEMED
MOST UNLIKELY.

4. STATISTICS OF SEIZURES AND ARRESTS SHOW THAT
COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS ARE
INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE. HOWEVER, DRUG ABUSE IN THE
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UNITED STATES IS NO LONGER ABATING. IT IS AGAIN ON
THE INCREASE QUANTITATIVELY AND IS NOW SPREADING FROM
MAJOR CITIES TO SMALLER TOWNS. THERE IS, THEREFORE,
RENEWED URGENCY.

5. IN REPORTING ON THE STATUS OF YOUR OWN NARCOTICS
CONTROL ACTIVITIES, IN KEEPING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S
DIRECTIVE, I WOULD, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CABINET

COMMITTEE, APPRECIATE YOUR INCLUDING ANY SUGGESTIONS
YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR ACTIONS BY ANY UNITED STATES
AGENCY, IN WASHINGTON OR ABROAD, THAT YOU BELIEVE
WOULD RESULT IN A MORE IMAGINATIVE AND EFFECTIVE
CONDUCT OF THE PROGRAM. INGERSOLL

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